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Applicant : Shuping Tong et al. Art Unit : 1648
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated February 10, 2004, be extended for three months to and including August 10, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$475 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 00786-287004.

Respectfully submitted,

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